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1. CASTIGLIONE RESERVATIONS CANCELLED.

2. MEETING WITH SCHEDULED AIRLINE REPS LIMITED TO PAA, TWA AND SWA
IN ACCORDANCE PARA 2 REFTTEL.

3.FOLLOWING TOPICS LIKELY TO ARISE IN TALKS WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS:

(A) UPPERMOST ON FRENCH AGENDA WILL BE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT ON
ADDITIONAL ROUTE GRANTS THEY SEEK IN PACIFIC. WHILE RECENT
DECISION RESUME BILATERAL TALKS IN MID-JANUARY 1974 NO LONGER
EXPOSES US DIRECTLY TO FRENCH CHARGES OF US STALLING, FRENCH ARE
AWARE THAT AMERICAN CARRIERS AND USG ARE NO MORE LIKELY
NOW TO BE ATTRACTED TO FRENCH-PROPOSED ROUTE PACKAGE THAN IN
PAST. HENCE IN CASTING ABOUT FOR NEW APPROACH LATHIERE OF SGAC
HAS INDICATED THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO CHAIRMAN TIMM'S VISIT IN
ORDER EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR BREAKING OUT OF PRESENT IMPASSE,
AND NOTABLE WHETHER TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE PROCEEDING NOW PENDING
BEFORE CAB MIGHT LEND ITSELF TO THAT PURPOSE. LANSALOT-BASOU

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OF FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON WAS ALSO KNOWN TO BE THINKING

ALONG SIMILAR LINES. WHILE WE ALERTED BOTH THAT NO ADDITIONAL
FREIGN POINTS SERVED WERE CONTEMPLATED IN PRESENT CAB
EXERCISE (STATE 190418), THEY WERE DISINCLINED TO ACCEPT
THIS AS GOSPEL.

(B) WHILE CAB VIEWS ON CHARTER POLICY WILL HAVE BEEN AIRED
EXTENSIVELY AT THIS WEEK'S TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ECAS
AND CANADA, FRENCH CAN BE EXPECTED PURSUE WITH CHAIRMAN TIMM
SUCH QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE CHANGES IN TGC RULES, FUTURE OF
AFFINITY CHARTERS, ADVOCACY OF PART CHARTER ONCEPT, ETC.

(C) QUESTION OF CAPACITY CONTROL IS ALL THE MORE LIKELY TO
ARISE UNDER STIMULUS OF PRESENT FUEL CRISIS AND REACTION THERETO
BY AMERICAN CARRIERS.

(D) WE WOULD BE VERY SURPRISED IF FRENCH, THOUGH WELL AWARE CAB'S
STATUTORY ROLE, DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF POTENTIAL MARKET IN US
FOR A-300 AIRBUS ALONG LINES OF SOLICITING CHAIRMAN TIMM'S ESTIMATE
OF THAT MARKET IN LIGHT OF CONDITION OF US INDUSTRY, ROUTE STRUCTURE,
COST FACTORS, ETC. AND, OF COURSE, SOME MENTION WILL BE MADE OF
CONCORDE.
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